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|   | First Named Inventor   | SRINIVASAN |
|   | Art Unit               | 2114       |
|   | Examiner Name          | Lohn       |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission  | Attorney Docket Number | 120-105    |

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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4618).**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**For FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Application Number   | 091963687  |
| Filing Date          | 09/27/2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Srinivasan |
| Examiner Name        | Lohn       |
| Art Unit             | 2114       |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 120-105    |

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| Application Type | FILING FEES |                       | SEARCH FEES |                       | EXAMINATION FEES |                       | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

| Fee Description   | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|---|----------|-----------------------|
| Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent            | 50       | 25                    |
| Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent | 200      | 100                   |
| Multiple dependent claims   | 360      | 180                   |

**Total Claims**      **Extra Claims**      **Fee (\$)**      **Fee Paid (\$)**      **Multiple Dependent Claims**  
 - 20 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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Application No.: 09/963687

Filed: 09/27/2001

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Distributed Dynamic Network Systems

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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In response to the Final Office Action of November 17, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.